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SUBJ: "CORRIERE DELLA SERA" STORY ON MITRIONE POL 23-8 UR

REF: MILAN'S 003 NC

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1. WE STRONGLY CONCUR WITH SUGGESTION REFTEL THAT SCURRILOUS PIERONE ARTICLE RE MITRIONE BE CHALLENGED.

2. STATEMENT THAT "SENDIC COULD NOT BE BLAMED" FOR MITRIONE MURDER IS UNTRUE BY ADMISSION OF MLN ITSELF. ORGANIZATION EXPRESSED A TWISTED PRIDE AT HAVING MURDERED HIM IN COLD BLOOD UNDER GUISE OF "PEOPLE'S JUSTICE", A PERVERTED CONCEPT WHICH SEEKS TO JUSTIFY THEIR "RIGHT" TO KIDNAP, ROB, ASSASSINATE, TORTURE AND TERRORIZE AT WILL. AS CHIEF OF POLICE OF RICHMOND, INDIANA REPEAT INDIANA, MITRIONE WAS WELL-KNOWN FOR HIS CIVIC AND YOUTH WORK, AND COMMUNITY SERVICE AS COULD BE EASILY VERIFIED. PIERONE ASSERTIONS AROUT "HUNT OF THE NEGROES" IS SIMPLY MALICIOUS NONSENSE.

3. MITRIONE TOOK FBI TRAINING COURSE AS POLICE OFFICER IN RICHMOND, THIS WAS STANDARD COURSE WIDELY OFFERED BY FBI TO LOCAL POLICE FORCES ALL OVER THE U.S. AND DESIGNED TO KEEP THEM UP-TO-DATE WITH MODERN LAW ENFORCEMENT METHODS. NO URUGUAYAN POLICE OFFICER HAS ATTENDED FBI COURSES UNDER AID PROGRAM WHICH MITRIONE HEADED.

4. EVEN THE SLIGHTEST KNOWLEDGE OF MITRIONE AND HIS WORK

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BOTH IN BRAZIL AND URUGUAY WOULD CONFIRM HIS DEEP MORAL AND PROFESSIONAL REPUDIATION OF EXTRA-LEGAL LAW ENFORCEMENT METHODS OF ANY TYPE. BEFORE HIS DEATH, HE HAD EXPRESSED HIS OPPOSITION TO SUCH ACTIVITIES FROM PROFOUND PERSONAL CONVICTION, AS WELL AS PROFESSIONAL BELIEF THAT THESE METHODS ULTIMATELY DESTROY PUBLIC CONFIDENCE IN LEGITIMATE LAW ENFORCEMENT METHODS. MORE THAN ANYTHING ELSE, MITRIONE WAS A "PEACE OFFICER" IN FINEST SENSE OF PHRASE AND HIS ADVISORY WORK WAS EXCLUSIVELY DEVOTED TO IMPROVING EFFECTIVENESS OF STANDARD POLICE OPERATIONS, PARTIALLY IN HOPE THAT THIS WOULD LESSEN POLICE TEMPTATION TO RESORT TO EXTRA-LEGAL METHODS. HE BELIEVED THAT ORDERLY SOCIETY NEED NOT BE AN OPPRESSIVE ONE. HE SOUGHT TO USE HIS LONG EXPERIENCE TO IMPLANT IDEA THAT ONE OF MOST IMPORTANT TOOLS WHICH ANY POLICE FORCE MUST DEVELOP IS PRIDE AND CONFIDENCE BY CITIZENS IN THIS ENFORCEMENT OF THEIR LAWS.

5. ANY ASSERTIONS TO CONTRARY ARE SIMPLY PRETEXTS FOR JUSTIFYING AN INHUMAN ACTION AGAINST A MAN TO WHOM THE WORD "JUSTICE" WAS A GUIDING MORAL PERCEPT, RATHER THAN AN EXCUSE FOR MINDLESS VIOLENCE AND TERROR. NEWSPAPER OF REPUTATION OF "CORRIERE DELLA SERA" OWES IT TO ITS READERS TO INSIST THAT PIERONE GIVE ITS READERS SOME BASIS FOR HIS UNFOUNDED ASSERTIONS OR RECTIFY THEM. WE DO NOT KNOW IF THERE ARE APPROPRIATE OR FEASIBLE LEGAL RECOURSES OPEN TO MITRIONE FAMILY TO OBLIGE RECTIFICATION IF THIS NOT FORTHCOMING OR IF THEY WOULD BE INTERESTED IN THIS ROUTE SHOULD IT BE NECESSARY OR DESIRABLE.

EXEMPT.

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